

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A collapsible shelter for mounting in the bed of truck, the truck bed having a floor, a front end and a rear end and at least two side walls substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis, the collapsible shelter comprising:
 - (a) a substantially horizontal base releasably attached to the truck bed, raised above the truck bed floor;
 - (b) at least one bunk attached to the base, the bunk being movable between a first position whereby the bunk rests on top of the base in the truck bed, and a second position whereby the bunk extends horizontally out and away from one of the side walls of the truck bed;
 - (c) a frame having front and rear support members and a ridge pole being releasably connected at one end to the front support member and releasably connected at a second end to the rear support member, the front support member being pivotally attached to the front of the truck bed and the rear support member being pivotally attached to the rear of the truck bed, such that each of the front and rear support members pivot about an axis substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the truck bed to move between a first collapsed position and a second erect position; and
 - (d) a fabric shell releasably attached to the frame and to the bunk.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the base rests upon at least one cross beam that releasably attaches to an interior surface of each of the side walls of the truck bed.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one bunk further comprises at least one support member that releasably engages the truck for supporting the bunk in its second position.
4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one bunk further comprises a tension bar pivotally attached to a side edge of the bunk for stretching the shell around the bunk.

5. The apparatus of claim 4 further comprising a slide arm attached to the bunk that releasably engages the tension bar for securing the tension bar in an erect position.
6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the bunk is hingedly attached to the base.
7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the bunk is slideably attached to the base.
8. The apparatus of claim 1 comprising a first and a second bunk each movable between a first position whereby the second bunk rests on top of the first bunk on top of the base in the truck bed, and a second position whereby the second bunk extends horizontally out and away from the side wall of the truck bed opposite to the side wall that the other bunk extends out from.
9. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the rear support member comprises a rear A-shaped frame pivotally attached to the rear of the truck bed, the rear A-shaped frame pivoting about an axis substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the truck bed, and the front support member comprises a front support post pivotally attached to the front of the truck bed, the front support post pivoting about an axis substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the truck bed.
10. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a locking means for securing the frame in its erect position.
11. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the rear A-shaped frame attaches pivotally to bracket fastened to the floor in the rear end of the truck bed.
12. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the truck bed further comprises tailgate support pins and upper tailgate locking pins located at the rear of the truck bed, whereby the rear A-shaped frame is pivotally mounted to the tailgate support pins and releasably engages the tailgate locking pins to secure the rear A-shaped frame in its erect position.
13. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the rear A-shaped frame further comprises a substantially horizontal platform extending out and away horizontally from the rear of the truck bed.

14. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a means for suspending objects under the bunk when in its second position.